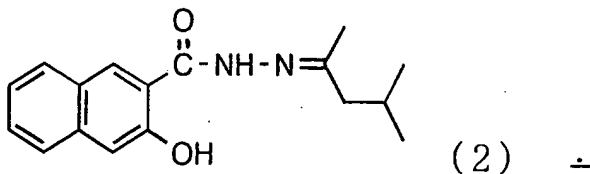
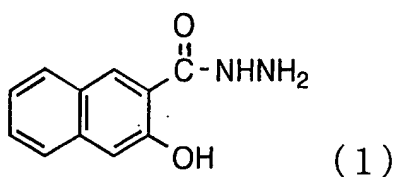


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A rust preventive agent which contains, as an active component, at least one species selected from a compound of the formula (1) or (2) and a salt thereof[[.]]



2. (original) A rust preventive agent according to claim 1 wherein the salt of the compound of the formula (1) or (2) is an alkali metal salt.

3. (currently amended) A rust preventing method which is characterized in that the surface of the metal or alloy is coated with the rust preventive agent of ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1.

4. (currently amended) A rust preventive resin composition which contains 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of the rust preventive

agent of ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1 per 100 parts by weight of a resin.

5. (original) A rust preventive resin composition according to claim 4 wherein the resin is at least one species selected from the group consisting of epoxy-based resins, polyolefin-based resins, vinyl chloride-based resins, polyacrylonitrile-based resins, polystyrene-based resins, polyamide-based resins, (meth)acrylic ester-based resins, polyether ether ketone-based resins, polyester-based resins, polyvinyl acetate-based resins, polyurethane-based resins, polycarbonate-based resins, and at least one species selected from copolymers thereof.

6. (currently amended) A method of preventing the rust of a metal or alloy thereof, the method being characterized in that the surface of the metal or alloy thereof is coated with or applied with the rust preventive resin composition of ~~claim 4 or 5~~ claim 4.

7. (currently amended) A conductive body formed by being coated with the rust preventive resin composition of ~~claim 4 or 5~~ claim 4.

8. (currently amended) A rust preventive coating composition

which contains the rust preventive resin composition of ~~claim 4 or~~
5 claim 4.

9. (currently amended) A rust preventing method according to
~~claim 3 or 6~~ claim 3 in which the metal or alloy is one made of at
least one species selected from copper, zinc and iron.

10. (new) A rust preventing method according to claim 6 in
which the metal or alloy is one made of at least one species
selected from copper, zinc and iron.